Diabetic patients

1249. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a million of diabetic patients in the country have been ignored in the budget 2007-08;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking steps to accord relief to diabetic persons since it has ched at a worrisome stage after affecting more and more people and even 10 to 15 years old are falling prey to this silent disease;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of the burden of non-communicable diseases including diabetes in the country. In recognition, National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke is approved for launch during the Xlth Five Year Plan. The pilot phase of this Programme will extend to six States. A sum of Rs. 5 crores is expected to be spent in connection with the pilot phase of the programme during the current financial year

UNO promise to help for eradication of diseases

1250. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 2000, UNO promised India and some other countries to help them in total eradication of diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, etc. by 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the progress made, so far as half the time has elapsed; and

(d) the steps being taken to accomplish the task by 2015?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) The "UN Millennium Declaration" was agreed at the United Nation's Millennium Summit in September, 2000 and nearly 190 countries have signed the declaration. The Declaration includes a series of development goals, related targets and indicators, collectively referred to as the "Millennium Development Goals (MDG)". One of the MDG goals *i.e.* goal-6 is to combat HTV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases. The target 8 of goal 6 is related to Malaria, HTV/AIDS and other major diseases which is not for total eradication of diseases but indicates to halt and revrse the trend by 2015.

(c) The incidence of malaria in the country has shown a declining trend which is maintained at less than two million cases annually since 2002. The reported deaths due to malaria are